

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in the application:

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A product comprising an applicator, other than a porous or absorbent sheet, said applicator being selected from a puff, pad, sponge, cotton ball, swab, brush, glove, mitt or bar, where to a wax phase has been applied, wherein the wax phase is a composition comprising at least one wax component selected from the group consisting of dialkyl(ene) ethers, dialkyl(ene) carbonates, dicarboxylic acids, hydroxyl fatty alcohols and mixtures thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 1 wherein the melting point or melting range of the wax phase is above or equal to 25 °C.

3. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 2 wherein the melting point or melting range of the wax phase is in the range of 32 to 40 °C.

4. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 1 wherein the wax phase further comprises mono-, di- or triglycerides.

5. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase further comprises mono-, di- or triglycerides derived from or present in natural oils.

6. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase further comprises fatty acid mono-, di- or triglycerides wherein the fatty acids contain from 12 to 24[; ~~preferably from 16 to 20 carbon atoms~~].

7. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase further comprises triglycerides selected from glyceryl stearate, glyceryl oleate, glyceryl laurate, glyceryl

myristate, cocoglycerides, or hydrogenated palm oil glycerides, hydrogenated castor oil, or hydrogenated rapeseed oil.

8. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 4 wherein the wax phase further comprises mono-, di- or triglycerides in an amount of at least 50 % [~~preferably at least 70 %, more preferably at least 90 %~~] w/w of the total amount of components making up the wax phase.

9. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 8 1 wherein the wax phase further contains C₁₂-C₅₀-fatty alcohols.

10. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 9 wherein the fatty alcohols are selected from myristyl alcohol, 1-pentadecanol, cetyl alcohol, lauryl alcohol, oleyl alcohol, palmityl alcohol, 1-heptadecanol, stearyl alcohol, cetearyl alcohol, 1-nonadecanol, arachidyl alcohol, 1-heneicosanol, behenyl alcohol, brassidyl alcohol, lignoceryl alcohol, ceryl alcohol or myricyl alcohol and C₁₆/C₁₈-Guerbet alcohols.

11. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 9 wherein the fatty alcohols are present in the wax phase, in an amount relative to the total weight amount of the wax phase, which is in the range of 1 - 40 % (w/w).

12. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 1 wherein the wax phase further contains fatty acids.

13. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 12 wherein the fatty acids are C₁₄-C₄₀-fatty acids.

14. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 11 wherein the total amount of the fatty acids present in the wax phase, relative to the total weight amount of the wax phase, is in the range of 1 - 30 % (w/w).

15. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 1 wherein the wax phase contains one or more of components (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) as defined hereafter:

(a) at least 1 - 50 % (w/w) of ~~[an oily or waxy]~~ a wax component comprising at least one wax component selected from the group consisting of dialkyl(ene) ethers, dialkyl(ene) carbonates, dicarboxylic acids, hydroxyl fatty alcohols and mixtures thereof

(b) 0.1 - 5 % (w/w) of at least one active ingredient

(c) 1 - 10 % (w/w) of at least one oil

(d) 0.1 - 10 % (w/w) of at least one emulsifier

(e) 5 - 90 % (w/w) of a further waxy components selected from mono-, di- or triglycerides, fatty alcohols, and fatty acids,

(f) 0 - 5 % (w/w) water.

16. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 15 wherein the wax phase contains all components (a)-(f).

17. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 1, wherein the wax phase contains one or more active substances.

18. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 17 wherein the active substance(s) is selected from at least one of ~~or are anti-microbials, e.g.~~ anti-bacterials, and antifungals, anti-inflammatory agents, anti-irritating, anti-itching, and anti-perspirant agents.

19. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 1 wherein the lipid phase contains at least one moisturizer, deodorant, skin caring ingredient, plant extract, vitamin, perfume oil, dye, sunscreen filter, hydrotrope or self-tanning agent.

20. (Previously Presented) A product according to claim 1, wherein the lipid phase contains at least one emulsifier, superfatting agent, thickener, cationic polymer, anionic polymer, zwitterionic polymer, amphoteric polymer, consistency agent, anti-oxidant, insect repellent, a sunscreen filter, a powder or a peeling agent..

21. (Currently Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A product according to claim 1 ~~24~~ wherein the puff, ~~or~~ pad, sponge or bar is wrapped in a layered material.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a product as claimed in claim 1 said method comprising contacting the applicator with a wax phase .

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23 wherein the wax phase is applied by spraying, contacting, printing or a direct contact process where there is a direct contact between the applicator and an application head having slit nozzles.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A method of cleansing skin and/or hair, said method comprising contacting ~~human~~ said skin or hair with a product of claim 1 ~~[to cleanse the skin or hair and deliver an active substance thereto].~~

27. (New) A method of cleansing skin and/or hair and simultaneously delivering an active substance thereto, said method comprising contacting said skin or hair with a product of claim 17.